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While we are not done sleeping,
A silent fog no longer,
A train horn beckons me.
I know not where it calls,
Or where it goes.

A distant echo in my dreams,
Always on the move.
It will not stop for me
To jump on board.

The haunting engine call persists,
And stirs the vagabond within.
Adventure down the tracks perhaps,
But not for me this day.

At 4:30, the mindless prep
For work begins,
And duty binds me
To the job I must attend.

Someday I will stray,
To ride the rails,
To inhale diesel breath,
And take me somewhere far away.